

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A battery assembly for a cellular telephone, comprising:
 - a battery for providing power to the cellular telephone; and
 - a sound generating device attached to the battery and comprising memory for storing a sound file, wherein the sound generating device is triggered to play sound associated with the sound file upon detection of a telephone call by the cellular telephone.
2. The battery of claim 1, wherein the sound generating device stores a plurality of sound files, and wherein sound file can be being designated as an audio alert signal for the telephone.
3. The battery of claim 2, further comprising:
 - an external connector socket on the battery in electrical communication with the sound generating device to provide external access to the plurality of sound files in the sound generating device.
4. The battery of claim 2, further comprising:
 - a selector device on the battery for scrolling through the plurality of sound files and designating a sound file to use as an audio alert signal.
5. A battery assembly for a cellular telephone, comprising:
 - a battery for providing power to the cellular telephone;
 - a sound generating device attached to the battery, comprising memory for storing a plurality of sound files, wherein the sound generating device is triggered to play a sound

associated with one of the plurality of sound files upon detection of a telephone call by the cellular telephone;

an external connector socket on the battery in electrical communication with the sound generating device to provide external access to the plurality of sound files in the sound generating device; and

a selector device on the battery for designating a sound file to use as an audio alert signal.

6. A battery assembly for a cellular telephone, comprising:
 - a battery providing power to the cellular telephone;
 - a sound generating device attached to the battery and comprising memory for storing a plurality of sound files, wherein the sound generating device is triggered to play a sound associated with one of the plurality of sound files upon detection of a telephone call by the cellular telephone;
 - accessing means in electrical communication with the sound generating device for providing external access to the plurality of sound files in the sound generating device; and
 - selecting means on the battery for designating a sound file to use as an audio alert signal.
7. A cellular telephone system having changeable audio alert signals, the system comprising:
 - a cellular telephone body; and
 - a cellular telephone battery connectable with the cellular telephone body to provide power thereto and including a sound generating device comprising memory for storing a sound

file, wherein the sound generating device is triggered to play sound associated with the sound file upon detection of a telephone call by the cellular telephone.

8. The system of claim 7, wherein the sound generating device stores a plurality of sound files that are capable of being edited.

9. The system of claim 8, further comprising:

an external connector socket on the battery in electrical communication with the sound generating device to provide external access to the plurality of sound files in the sound generating device.

10. The system of claim 8, further comprising:

a computer system having an electrical plug electrically connected to the sound generating device through the connector socket, for editing the plurality of sound files by adding or deleting from the sound generating device.

11. The system of claim 8, further comprising:

a selector device on the battery for scrolling through the plurality of sound files and designating a sound file to use as an audio alert signal.

12. A cellular telephone system having changeable audio alert signals, the system comprising:

a cellular telephone body; and

a cellular telephone battery connectable with the cellular telephone body to provide power thereto and including a sound generating device comprising memory for storing a sound file, wherein the sound generating device stores a plurality of sound files and is triggered to play a sound associated with a designated sound file upon detection of a telephone call by the cellular telephone.

13. The system of claim 12, further comprising:

an external connector socket on the battery in electrical communication with the sound generating device to provide external access to the plurality of sound files in the sound generating device.

14. The system of claim 12, further comprising:

a computer system having an electrical plug electrically connected to the sound generating device through the connector socket, for editing the plurality of sound files by adding or deleting from the sound generating device.

15. The system of claim 12, further comprising:

a selector device on the battery for scrolling through the plurality of sound files and designating a sound file to use as an audio alert signal.

16. A cellular telephone system having changeable audio alert signals, the system comprising:

a cellular telephone body;

a cellular telephone battery connectable with the cellular telephone body to provide power thereto and including a sound generating device comprising memory for storing a sound file, wherein the sound generating device stores a plurality of sound files and is triggered to play a sound associated with a designated sound file upon detection of a telephone call by the cellular telephone;

an external connector socket on the battery in electrical communication with the sound generating device to provide external access to the plurality of sound files in the sound generating device;

a computer system having an electrical plug electrically connected to the sound generating device through the connector socket, for editing the plurality of sound files by adding or deleting from the sound generating device; and

a selector device on the battery for designating a sound file to use as an audio alert signal.

17. A cellular telephone system having changeable audio alert signals, the system comprising:

a cellular telephone body;

a cellular telephone battery connectable with the cellular telephone body to provide power thereto and including a sound generating device comprising memory for storing a sound file, wherein the sound generating device stores a plurality of sound files and is triggered to play a sound associated with a designated sound file upon detection of a telephone call by the cellular telephone;

accessing means on the battery and in electrical communication with the sound generating device for provide external access to the plurality of sound files in the sound generating device;

programming means, electrically connected to the sound generating device through the accessing means, for editing the plurality of sound files by adding or deleting from the sound generating device; and

selecting means on the battery for designating a sound file to use as an audio alert signal.

18. A method of programming designated audio alert signals on a cellular telephone, the method comprising:

providing a battery for a cellular telephone, the battery including a programmable sound generating device and an external socket located on an outside surface;

connecting a computer system containing software that can access the sound generating device to the external socket of the battery;

accessing the sound generating device;

adding or deleting a sound file via the computer onto or from the sound generating device, respectively.

19. The method of claim 18, wherein the computer system is a personal data assistant.

20. A method of selecting a designated audio alert signal on a cellular telephone, the method comprising:

providing a battery for a cellular telephone, the battery including a programmable sound generating device and a selector located on an outside surface, wherein the sound generating device includes a plurality of sound files;

scrolling through the plurality of sound files with the selector to hear the plurality of sound files;

listening to exemplary sounds; and

selecting a selected sound from the plurality of sound files.